

REMARKS

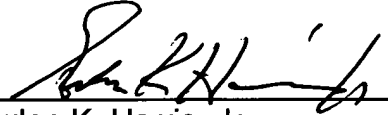
In view of the above amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of March 13, 2006 are earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-3 and 13-15 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving claims 4-12 and 16-24 pending in the reissue application. Claims 4-12 and 16-24 have been indicated as being allowable. Therefore, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The original U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,970,976 was surrendered on June 7, 2004. Reissuance of the patent is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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